

## II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph 27 on page 7, as rewritten below:

The essential primer layer 28 is a continuous, thin layer or coating of a polyfunctional, hydrolzable, moisture-curable silane or siloxane which is applied from dilute solution and allowed to hydrolyze and chemically-bond to the surface of the elastomer layer 27 which is integrated into the surface of the fabric support 26. A preferred primer material is 3-amino propyl triethoxysilane. While the primer layer may be effective in a non-continuous layer, the continuous layer is preferred.